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addition to elevations, the latitude and mean annual temperature of many localities. We notice some inaccuracies and omissions in comparing it with "Gannett's List of Elevations" published by Hayden's Survey, those relating to the heights of prominent mountains being inexcusable. These, with typographical and other errors, show that it should be consulted with some caution.

FLORA OF COLORADO.*—The inhabitants of the far west and eastern tourists will have reason to thank Dr. Hayden for the useful series of practical manuals of the natural history of the Rocky Mountains he is so energetically pushing on to completion. This synopsis, the first of the series, is very opportune, as it places in the hands of the tourist or botanist a ready means of identifying the plants of a region so rich in interest as Colorado. We only regret that the preliminary essay on the geographical distribution of the Rocky Mountain flora could not have appeared in the same volume.

The plan followed in the synopsis is that of Mr. Watson in his catalogue contained in the fifth volume of "King's Report on the Geology, etc., of the Fortieth Parallel." Descriptions are given of all the plants not mentioned in "Gray's Manual," "Chapman's Flora" and other floras of the eastern states.

The mosses and Hepaticæ have been elaborated by Mr. L. Lesquereux, the lichens by Mr. H. Willey, and the fungi by Mr. Peck, while the name of the author of the larger portion on Phanerogams is a sufficient guarantee of the quality of the work.

BOTANY.

ABNORMAL FORM OF *ALLOSORUS ACROSTICHOIDES*.—On a visit to Isle Royale, Michigan (Lake Superior), in August, 1873, I collected some nice specimens of that peculiar fern *Allosorus acrostichoides* Sprengel (*Cryptogramma acrostichoides* R. Br.). One large handsome plant I succeeded in transporting to Detroit, where it at present flourishes on a rockwork made for the purpose. It affords an instance of a curious abnormality which, I believe, has not hitherto been noticed in this fern. I refer to its producing fronds

*Synopsis of the Flora of Colorado. By Thomas C. Porter and John M. Coulter. Department of the Interior U. S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories. F. V. Hayden, U. S. Geologist, in charge. Miscellaneous Publication, No. 4. Washington, 1874. 8vo, pp. 180.